## PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Elizabeth City; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation activities are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental wellbeing of a community and region; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

**WHEREAS** our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

**WHEREAS** the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Elizabeth City Council and all residents recognize the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, E. Kirk Rivers, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth City do hereby proclaim July as Park and Recreation Month in the City of Elizabeth City; and I call upon all citizens to recognize the contributions made by parks and recreation officials every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

**ADOPTED** this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

	E. Kirk Rivers	
	Mayor	
April Onley, NCCMC		
City Clerk		